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Agency Has Not Received District Attorney's Letter

Network Doesn't Reply to DA's Charges

The Federal Communications Commission in Washington said Sunday it had not received a six-page letter from District Attorney Jim Garrison claiming that the National Broadcasting Co. had interfered with his presidential assassination probe.

In New York, a spokesman for NBC said the network had no comment on Garrison's charges that it had "gone beyond the pretense of merely gathering and disseminating the news."

A Louis Read, president of WDSU-TV Corp., the local NBC affiliate which was also criticized in Garrison's letter, made the following statement on the station's position:

"In his letter to the Federal Communications Commission, Mr. Garrison made specific allegations regarding WDSU-TV. These allegations have no basis in truth except for Mr. Garrison's statement that WDSU-TV has actively aided NBC in its investigation of Mr. Garrison's tactics.

"As we have stated in past editorials, this station has been concerned with the tactics and methods used by District Attorney Jim Garrison in his assassination probe, and we believe his letter to the Federal Communications Commission is another example of this."

Garrison's lengthy complaint, dated Thursday, alleged that NBC had been attempting to discredit witnesses for the state in the DA's case against retired International Trade Mart Managing Director Clay L. Shaw who is accused of conspiring here in 1963 to slay President John F. Kennedy. Garrison added that the network's actions have been hurting his case.

NBC has announced that it will telecast a one-hour show Monday night saying that two of Garrison's key witnesses against Shaw had previously failed lie detector tests.

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